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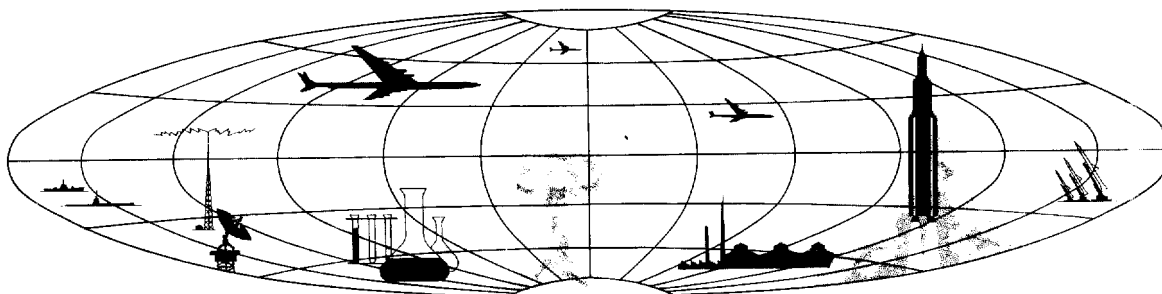
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JONAVA MRBM COMPLEX, USSR

FIXED FIELD SITE

Launch Area No 1 (TDI name: Karmelava MRBM Launch Site) -- Type II 54-57-15N 24-06-00E

Launch Area No 2 (TDI name: Jonava MRBM Launch Site) -- Type II 55-01-00N 24-14-15E

Jonava Fixed Field MRBM Site (TDI name: Kaisiadorys SSM Fixed Field Position) 54-59-30N 24-29-00E

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This report supplements NPIC/R-160/63, 1/ which discusses the Jonava MRBM Complex, which previously consisted of 2 Type II MRBM launch areas.

The Jonava Fixed Field MRBM Site (Figure 1) is located in a sloping, heavily wooded area at an approximate elevation of 265 feet, 7.7 nautical miles (nm) north of Kaisiadorys in the Lithuanian SSR. Jonava MRBM Launch Area No 1 is 13.4 nm to the west-southwest and Launch Area No 2 is 8.7 nm to the west-northwest. The rail yards at Kaunas, Jonava, or Kaisiadorys could serve as rail-to-road transfer points for the complex. Launch Areas No 1 and 2 and the field site are connected to each other and to these points by primary and secondary, probably all-weather roads.

The fixed field site can be negated [redacted] and was first observed [redacted] at which time it consisted of a poorly defined road pattern and 4 clearings. The site was again observed [redacted] and showed no appreciable change except for a sharper definition of the road pattern and clearings. When next covered [redacted] the site was identified as a fixed field site. The road pattern and 4 clearings had been improved, probably by removal of vegetation and bulldozing. Each of the clearings now had a definite circular area in the

center and also contained an unidentified object. They were now considered launch positions. In addition, a possible structure and several unidentified objects were observed in small clearings associated with the site. The site was again covered [redacted] but because of clouds and haze a detailed interpretation could not be made. The site was last covered [redacted] in snow cover and no change were apparent. The snow precluded determination of objects in the launch positions, or associated clearings.

The site (Figure 2) is situated on an irregular road pattern which branches off from the local road pattern. The 4 launch positions form a trapezoidal pattern and are separated into 2 pairs of launch positions, 690 and 780 feet apart. The launch positions are irregular in shape but each has a small, circular area in the center approximately 60 feet in diameter. The azimuth of the launch positions is approximately 235 degrees, which closely approximates the azimuths of Launch Areas No 1 and 2, which [redacted] respectively. Two small possible structures, approximately 40 by 20 and 30 by 20 feet, are located in a clearing 1,025 feet northwest of the center of the site. A series of clearings is located along a road 4,160 feet southeast of the site and is directly connected to the site. Several unidentified ob-

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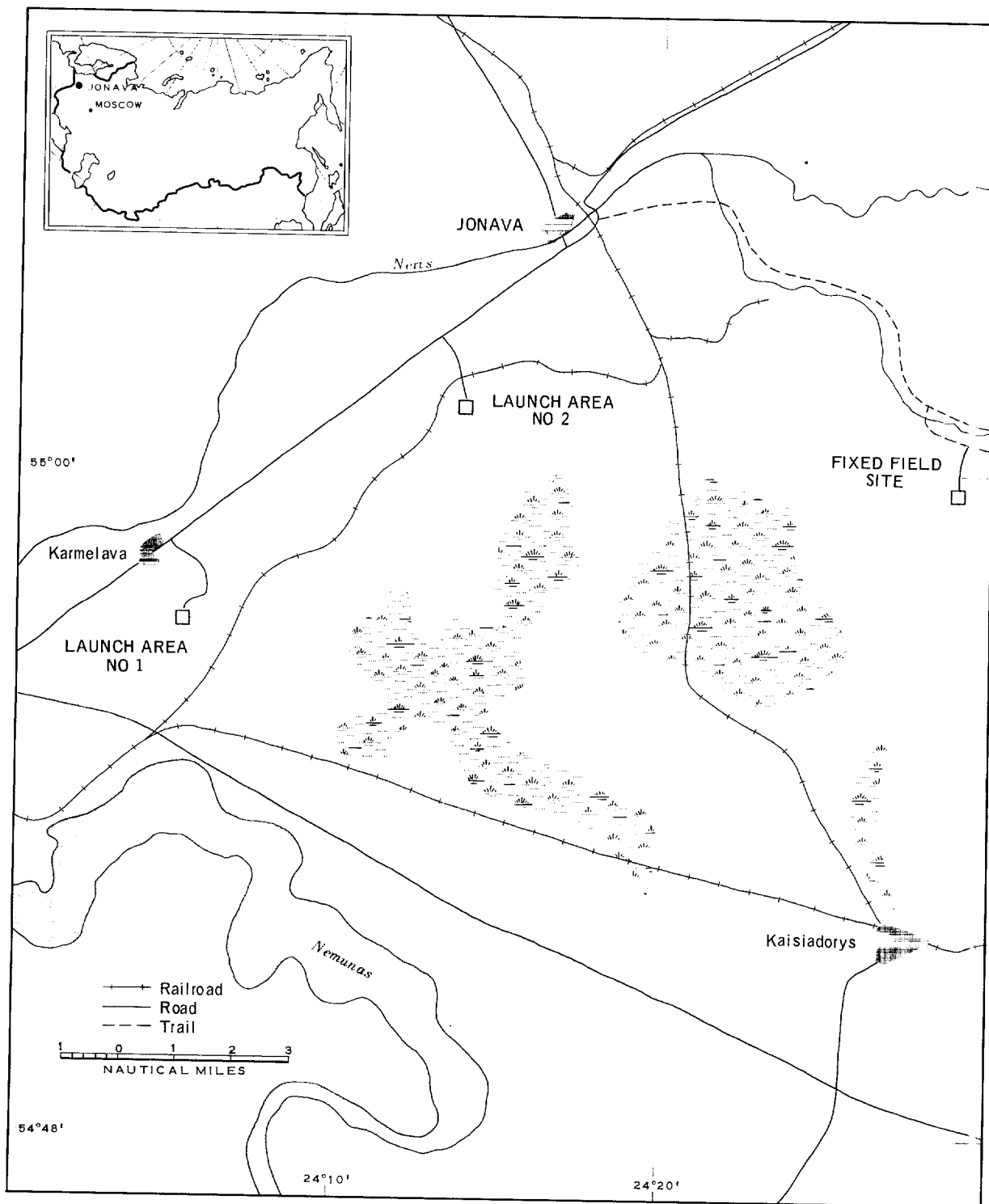


FIGURE 1. JONAVA MRBM COMPLEX, USSR.

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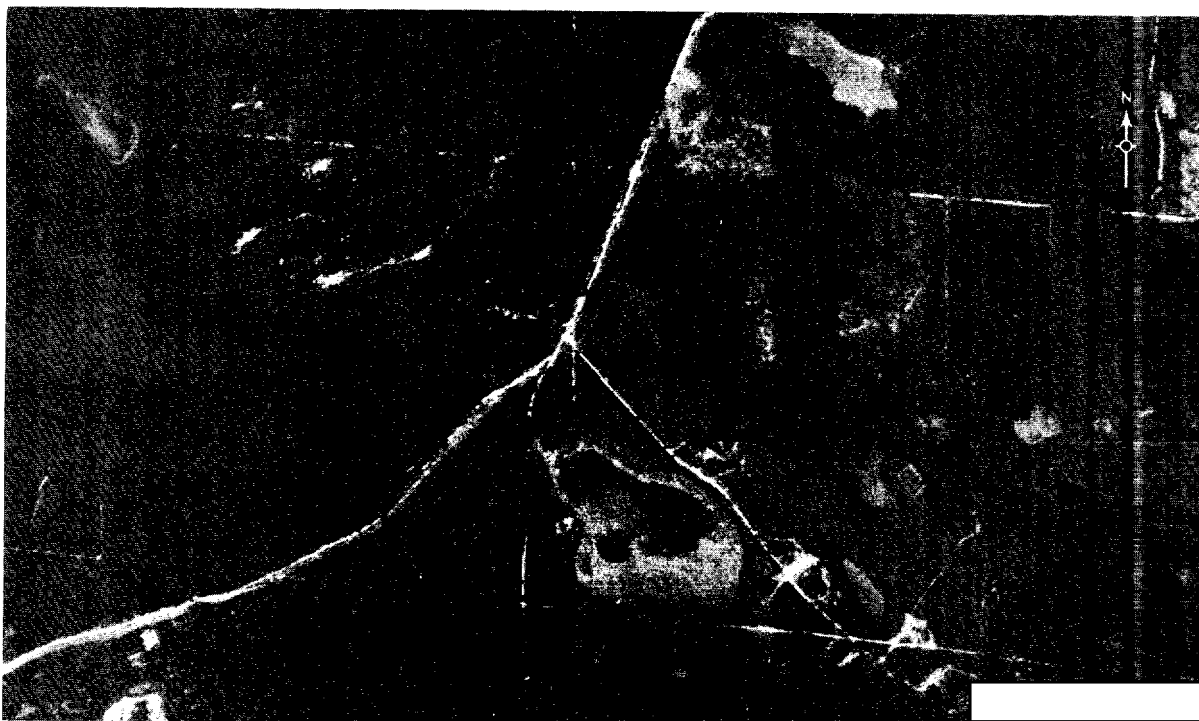
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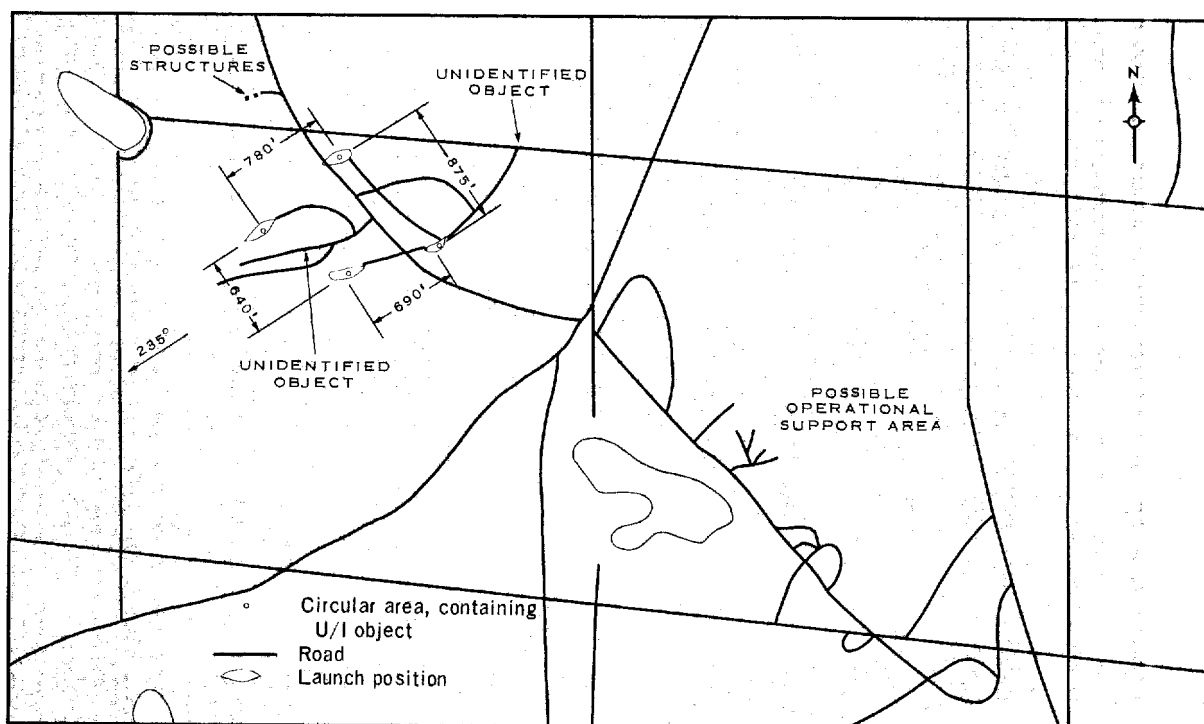


FIGURE 2. JONAVA FIXED FIELD MRBM SITE.

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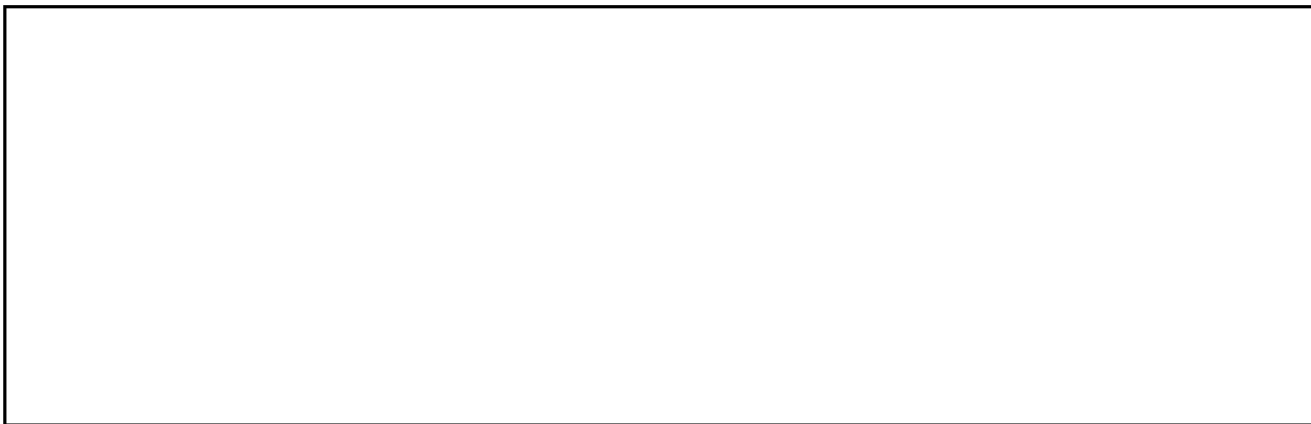
jects have been observed in these clearings at various times but none corresponding to the period of greatest activity at the site, which was [REDACTED] These clearings serve as a possible operational support area for

parking vehicles or erecting tents as the launch site does not have any associated large clearings. No security fencing is evident around the site.

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